

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **CAPTAIN WILLIAM O. SHEWCHUK**

#### **ASSOCIATE DEAN, SIGS**

Captain William O. Shewchuk was born in Pensacola, Florida, on 19 April 1955. In April, 1977, he graduated from Jacksonville University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He was commissioned an Ensign through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program and in May 1977 reported to NAS Pensacola for initial flight training. Captain Shewchuk received his Naval Aviator wings in Meridian, Mississippi, in September 1978.

Upon completion of replacement pilot training in Attack Squadron 42, Captain Shewchuk began operationally flying the A-6E Intruder with Attack Squadron 35 where he deployed to the Mediterranean, North Atlantic and Indian Ocean. His next tour was with the East Coast A-6 Fleet Replacement Squadron (VA-42) at NAS Oceana, Virginia, where he served as an instructor pilot, A-6 NATOPS Officer, and Visual Weapons Phase Head.



In May 1985, Captain Shewchuk again reported to Attack Squadron 35 where he completed two Mediterranean deployments while serving as Assistant Maintenance Officer, Training Officer, and Operations Officer. Following that tour, Captain Shewchuk returned to VA-42 where he served as an instructor pilot and Quality Assurance Officer. From August 1988 to June 1990, Captain Shewchuk was the Flag Lieutenant for Commander, SIXTH Fleet, home ported in Gaeta, Italy. He then reported to Training Squadron 86, NAS Pensacola, where he served as an instructor pilot and Squadron Safety Officer.

Captain Shewchuk next attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and in June 1992 also graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery with a Master of Political Science degree. In August 1992 Captain Shewchuk assumed duties on the staff of Commander, SECOND Fleet and Commander, Striking Fleet Atlantic as the NATO Plans and Policy Officer. Captain Shewchuk reported to Strike Training Squadron 21 as Executive Officer in October 1994 and assumed command of the Fighting Redhawks in September 1995.

Following his command tour, Captain Shewchuk attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In June 1997 he received a Master of Public Administration degree. Captain Shewchuk reported to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower as Assistant Air Officer (Mini-Boss) in July 1997 and from June 1998 to December 1999 as Air Boss. Captain Shewchuk then served as the Carrier Air Wing Training and Readiness Officer for Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, from December 1999 to May 2001. From June 2001 to July 2003 he commanded the Joint Southern Surveillance Reconnaissance Operations Center in Key West, Florida. Captain Shewchuk then served as the Chief of Staff for Commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN and Harry S. Truman Strike Group.

Captain Shewchuk's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Navy and Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons. He has accumulated over 4600 flight hours and 680 carrier arrested landings in tactical Navy aircraft. He is married to the former Donna Carroll of Islip, New York. They reside in Monterey and their daughter Emily lives in Boston.